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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Berkeley – UC-Berkeley Readies Police for Thursday Event

(U) The University of California at Berkeley is bracing for massive protests and potential violence in an open, public space known as Sproul Plaza after hearing that conservative commentator Ann Coulter plans to give a speech there Thursday. In February — and twice more since then — masked protesters turned demonstrations over free speech and hate speech into violent confrontations, setting fires, causing injuries and leaving hundreds of thousands of dollars of property damage in their wake. Coulter said in an email late Tuesday night that she plans to arrive at Berkeley sometime after 6 p.m. on Thursday.

SOURCE: 25 April 2017, Washington Post

(U) Santa Rosa – Nine Dead in Five Days from Heroin Overdoses in Sonoma County

(U) Over the past five days, nine deaths believed to be heroin overdoses have been reported in the Santa Rosa area, the Sonoma County Coroner's Office said yesterday. While the final cause of death has yet to be determined and next of kin have not been notified, officials said they want to warn the public of the trend — especially health, rehabilitation, and treatment centers. Authorities say they are concerned that heroin being distributed in Santa Rosa right now is very volatile and potentially toxic. Any signs of overdose should be taken seriously. Anyone exhibiting signs or symptoms of an overdose should seek medical attention immediately or call 911.

SOURCE: 25 April 2017, Mercury News

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Colorado – Chipotle Warns Customers About Data Breach

(U) Denver – Fast food chain Chipotle warned customers on its website on Tuesday that the company experienced a data breach. "We want to make our customers aware that we recently detected unauthorized activity on the network that supports payment processing for purchases made in our restaurants," the company said in a statement. "We immediately began an investigation with the help of leading cyber security firms, law enforcement, and our payment processor. We believe actions we have taken have stopped the unauthorized activity, and we have implemented additional security enhancements." The company said its investigation is focusing on credit card transactions at its restaurants from 24 March through 18 April 2017.

SOURCE: 25 April 2017, KMBC

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Austria – Police Arrest Two People Suspected of Terror Links

(U) Vienna— Austrian law enforcement officials say police have arrested two people on suspicion of belonging to a terror organization. The two were detained after police conducted a series of house

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searches in Vienna. A spokeswoman declined to comment on an Austrian media report that the two were a man and a woman from Syria, saying revealing details would compromise investigations. SOURCE: 25 April 2017, <u>Associated Press</u>

(U) France – Authorities Arrest 14 People in Two Separate Anti-Terror Probes

(U) Paris – French police have arrested 10 people in an investigation of suspected suppliers of weapons to one of the attackers who killed 17 people at Charlie Hebdo magazine and a kosher store in January 2015, the Paris prosecutors' office said today. Separately, police have also arrested four people in an anti-terror probe in the town of Trappes west of Paris, the prosecutors' office said. It said those arrests were unrelated to the weapons probe, but gave no additional details.

SOURCE: 26 April 2017, Fox 19

(U) Iraq – ISIS Executes at Least 15 Civilians in Mosul While Posing as Liberating Forces

(U) Mosul – Jihadist militants from Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) posing as liberating security forces killed at least 15 civilians who welcomed them in central Mosul, officials said on yesterday. Wearing police uniforms, they entered parts of the Old City on Monday to trick residents into showing their support for the federal forces, the Joint Operations Command (JOC) and a local official said. ISIS, who are defending their last Mosul bastions against a six-month-old offensive by the security forces, wanted to "confound civilians who expressed joy and welcomed them with chanting." SOURCE: 25 April 2017, AFP

(U) Italy – Authorities Arrest Man Who Planned Attacks on 'Non-Believers'

(U) Turin – Italian police on 24 April arrested a man they described as "extremely dangerous," who had reportedly already planned terrorist attacks in Italy and used social media to recruit potential accomplices. The 29-year-old had promoted Islamist extremism online, calling in one message for "nonbelievers" to be "roasted on kebab skewers" and fed to dogs, according to a police report. A judge for preliminary investigations described him as "an extremely dangerous subject" who posed a "very high risk of moving on to carrying out serious acts of violence." The man, who had lived in Italy since 2008, used 'walkie-talkie app' Zello to discuss his plans to carry out an attack in Italy. According to a report from Rai News, he also shared material about combat techniques, how to throw police investigators off track, and behaviors to adopt in order to become "invisible" while living in a Western country. SOURCE: 25 April 2017, The Local It

(U) Russia - Authorities Foil ISIS Attack on Oil Hub

(U) Sakhalin – Russia's FSB security service said today it had foiled an attack by supporters of ISIS on the far eastern island of Sakhalin, an oil and gas hub. The FSB said in a statement it had detained two alleged ISIS supporters on Sakhalin who were planning to commit a high-profile terrorist attack in a crowded place. The security service said house searches of those detained on Sakhalin had found a homemade explosive device and cell phones with instructions on how to make bombs on them. SOURCE: 26 April 2017, The Daily Star

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